

Gillibrand Legislation Could Help Nearly 800,000 New York Veterans Access Benefits

In Every Corner of the State, Veterans Are Not Receiving the Health Care They Need, Deserve

New York is home to more than one million men and women who served their country in the Armed Forces. Their service and sacrifice, and that of their families, have earned them a debt that the U.S. must honor. But too many of New York's veterans are not getting the quality health care they need and deserve. In fact, across New York, 779,742 veterans are not receiving their health care benefits from the VA and could be affected by U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's PRO-VETS legislation.

County Statistics for New York City:

While there are 237,302 veterans in New York City, 181,360 are not receiving VA health care benefits.

County	Number of Veterans	Veterans Not Currently Receiving VA Health Care
NEW YORK	46,982	35,394
BRONX	39,855	28,198
KINGS	57,612	42,028
QUEENS	67,126	54,124
RICHMOND	25,727	21,616

County Statistics for Western New York:

While there are 121,183 veterans in Western New York, 87,217 are not receiving VA health care benefits.

County	Number of Veterans	Veterans Not Currently
		Receiving VA Health Care
ALLEGANY	4,644	3,109
CATTARAUGUS	8,216	5,989
CHAUTAUQUA	12,039	8,284
ERIE	74,265	53,160
NIAGARA	18,394	14,004
WYOMING	3,625	2,671

County Statistics for the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region:

While there are **91,370** veterans in the Rochester/Finger Lakes region, **68,557** are not receiving VA health care benefits.

County	Number of Veterans	Veterans Not Currently Receiving VA Health Care
GENESEE	5,210	3,138
LIVINGSTON	5,326	4,084
MONROE	50,774	40,303
ONTARIO	8,403	5,044
ORLEANS	3,521	2,609
SENECA	2,903	2,005
TOMPKINS	5,297	4,238
WAYNE	7,631	5,649
YATES	2,305	1,487

County Statistics for Central New York:

While there are 85,401 veterans in Central New York, 61,220 are not receiving VA health care benefits.

County	Number of Veterans	Veterans Not Currently Receiving VA Health Care
CAYUGA	7,013	5,106
CORTLAND	3,602	2,543
HERKIMER	6,199	4,945
MADISON	5,588	4,164
ONEIDA	20,448	15,581
ONONDAGA	31,743	21,209
OSWEGO	10,808	7,672

County Statistics for the Southern Tier:

While there are **54,360** veterans in the Southern Tier, **39,277** are not receiving VA health care benefits.

County	Number of Veterans	Veterans Not Currently Receiving VA Health Care
BROOME	15,986	12,412
CHEMUNG	8,357	5,618
CHENANGO	4,889	3,906
DELAWARE	4,378	3,477
OTSEGO	4,962	4,035
SCHUYLER	1,969	1,400
STEUBEN	8,988	4,682
TIOGA	4,831	3,747

County Statistics for the Capital Region:

While there are 92,549 veterans in the Capital Region, 71,571 are not receiving VA health care benefits.

County	Number of Veterans	Veterans Not Currently Receiving VA Health Care
ALBANY	21,176	15,130
COLUMBIA	5,820	4,651
FULTON	5,160	4,098
GREENE	4,481	3,197
MONTGOMERY	4,524	3,615
RENSSELAER	11,992	9,136
SARATOGA	18,008	14,548
SCHENECTADY	12,249	9,837
SCHOHARIE	3,028	2,403
WASHINGTON	6,111	4,956

County Statistics for the North Country:

While there are 46,762 veterans in the North Country, 35,085 are not receiving VA health care benefits.

County	Number of Veterans	Veterans Not Currently Receiving VA Health Care
CLINTON	7,219	5,228
ESSEX	4,279	3,358
FRANKLIN	4,222	3,233
HAMILTON	674	594
JEFFERSON	11,541	8,255
LEWIS	2,478	1,806
ST.LAWRENCE	9,526	7,149
WARREN	6,823	5,462

County Statistics for the Hudson Valley:

While there are 137,333 veterans in the Hudson Valley, 101,933 are not receiving VA health care benefits.

County	Number of Veterans	Veterans Not Currently Receiving VA Health Care
DUTCHESS	20,987	15,881
ORANGE	24,388	19,302
PUTNAM	6,738	5,622
ROCKLAND	14,288	10,984
SULLIVAN	5,804	4,405
ULSTER	13,740	10,859
WESTCHESTER	44,565	34,880

County Statistics for Long Island:

While there are 166,852 veterans on Long Island, 133,522 are not receiving VA health care benefits.

County	Number of Veterans	Veterans Not Currently Receiving VA Health Care
NASSAU	75,259	62,139
SUFFOLK	91,593	71,383

^{*} All statistics were calculated using data obtained from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.